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HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES FOR PERSONS WITH AIDS

What we do:

The Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) Program provides housing assistance designed to alleviate or prevent homelessness for persons living with HIV/AIDS. HOPWA is administered by the California Department of Health Services, Office of AIDS (OA), HIV Care Branch, and is funded through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). HOPWA funds may be used for a wide range of affordable HIV housing and related support services. OA allocates HOPWA funds annually through a formula process to eligible counties to be used for short-term emergency rent, mortgage, and utility payments to prevent homelessness. Additionally, HOPWA funds can be used for facility operating costs, housing information and support services, and tenant-based or project-based rental assistance. A portion of the funds have been used for the development of housing units.

Who we serve:

OA allocates HOPWA funds to 42 counties in California to provide comprehensive strategies to meet the housing needs of persons with HIV/AIDS and their families.

Who is eligible:

Clients who are:

- Low-income per HUD requirements;
- Diagnosed with HIV or AIDS; and
- Homeless or at risk of being homeless.

What we have done:

During fiscal year 2003-04, 2,208 households consisting of 4,024 clients and their family members were assisted. Of the 2,208 assisted households, 2,070 individuals and families received short-term emergency rent, mortgage, and utility payments, while 53 households received tenant-based rental assistance including security deposits, first and last month rent payments, and after move-in costs. HOPWA provided operating costs to 56 units within several housing complexes.

Helpful resources:

- U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Website <http://www.HUD.gov>.
- National HOPWA Program Website <http://www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/aidshousing/programs/index.cfm>.
- AIDS Housing Washington Website <http://www.aidshousing.org>.
- California Department of Housing and Community Development <http://www.hcd.ca.gov>.
- For more information on OA mission, programs, and other helpful resources, see Website <http://www.dhs.ca.gov/AIDS>.

